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| 1. ROBERT SWIFT, DEPUTY SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF |
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- AGRICULTURE, WELL-KNOWN IN FAO CONFERENCES, IS IN FAO HEAD-QUARTERS TO SERVE AS SPECIAL ADVISER FOR TEN WEEKS (ENDING MID-MARCH) TO NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA. HE SAYS HE WAS SURPRISED AT SAOUMA'S REQUEST, BECAUSE THEIR CONTACT HAD BEEN LIMITED, BUT HE WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO COMMENTED THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT AFFORDS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THINKING OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO SAOUMA IN CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.
- 2. IT WAS ARRANGED AT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE'S INITIATIVE THAT U.S. WILL AVOID PUBLIC CONTACT WITH SWIFT DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT. PRIVATE CONTACT WILL NOT BE DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH, HOWEVER, SINCE SWIFT AND HIS WIFE AND SON ARE STAYING IN HOTEL IMMEDIATELY ACROSS STREET FROM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE'S RESIDENCE. VOLPE

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